[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

ന്നിട്ടുള്ള മറുപടിയിൽ കാപ്പ്രേഷൻ കമ്പനിയിൽനിന്നും ൻ o o രൂ പയ്ക്കു ടെണ്ടർ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ? (ചോദ്യം 151, Part (c.)

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : അതിനെ പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചു പറയാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : പറയാം.

Village Panchayat Regulation and Irrigation Block Boards.

319. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when they propose to bring the Village Panchayat Regulation into force?

(*b*) How many and in what localities in the State are Panchayat Courts proposed to be established?

(*c*) Are the functions of the local Irrigation Block Boards also in South Travancore proposed to be entrusted to the various Panchayat Courts, when these are established there?

(*d*) If the Government contemplate such a measure, is there any need now for imposing any new taxes on Irrigation Boards?

(*e*) When does the period of the existing Irrigation Block Boards expire?

(*f*) When the next election to the Irrigation Block Board is taken up for consideration, will the Government be pleased to consider the feasibility of entrusting such work also to the Panchayat Courts?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Rules under Section 62 of the Village Panchayat Regulation, VII of 1100, have first to be framed before the Regulation is brought into force. The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has been asked to frame and submit to the Government a set of draft rules for approval.

(*c*) It is premature to answer this question as the whole matter is under consideration.

(*d*) In view of the answers to parts (*a*) to (*c*), this does not arise.

(*e*) The period of the existing Irrigation Block Boards had expired by the close of 1100 M.E.

(*f*) No. The matter will receive consideration in framing the rules referred to in the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

Reports about Epidemics in Conservancy Towns.

320. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will he Government be pleased to state who is responsible for reporting bout the break-out of epidemics in conservancy towns and interior arts? To whom are these reports to be sent?

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(*b*) What is the action taken on these reports, and what are the preventive measures adopted at present?

(*c*) Which are the departments or officers concerned to protect the people from the spread of epidemics?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The outbreak of epidemics in conservancy areas is reported by the Conservancy Overseers, and in other rural areas by the *Proverthikars*. The reports are sent to the local Sanitary Circle Officer, the Medical Officer, the Tahsildar and the Sanitary Commissioner.

(*b*) On receipt of the report, the necessary preventive and curative measures are taken or caused to be taken by the officers concerned. The preventive measures usually taken are disinfection of houses, hankinisation of wells, supply of potassium permanganate pills, and spread of prophylactic vaccination in cases of cholera, and disinfection of houses and protection by vaccination in cases of small-pox. In both cases, propaganda work about sanitation is also carried on among the public.

(*c*) The Sanitary, Medical and Revenue Departments take joint action in arresting the spread of epidemics.

Committee on the Public Health of some Conservancy Towns.

321. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee consisting of officials and non-officials to report about the steps to be taken to prevent epidemics in the Conservancy Towns and other country parts in South Travancore, to exercise an efficient control over the health of the people in these places and to supply good drinking water where it is not available?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The constitution of health committees consisting of official and non-official members for advising the Government on matters connected with public health is already engaging the attention of the Government.

Lectures on Public Health.

322. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the statement in the Administration Report for the year 1097, *viz.*, that a Sanitary Officer was deputed to deliver public lectures on matters touching public health, will the Government be pleased to state what was the interval between the issue of this Administration Report and the discontinuance of public lectures by this officer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Administration Report for 1097 was issued 2 months and 6 days after the discontinuance of the work of the Sanitary Officer.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is information available as to how long this officer remained on special duty delivering public lectures?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): About a

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